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1 and, if necessary, we'll have a more extensive discussion. Why don't I start by disappointing FHFA and I'll move on to the defendants.

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So let's talk about the staging of expert discovery. At our June 13 conference at page 14 I briefly outlined how I thought disclosures might proceed. Based on the materials that had been presented to me in advance of that conference which I noted at the time were very helpful to me, I came to the conclusions that the defendants would not agree to restricting discovery in this case to a sample of loan files. And that, indeed, the plaintiff wanted to reserve its rights as well potentially as affirmative defenses were played out to look beyond any initially designated sample of loan files.

So as much as I was disappointed by that conclusion I shared that with you all on June 13th and outlined how I thought we might proceed with respect to expert discovery. And I know that the plaintiff is already on its way to making disclosures of samples and individual cases and it began that in the UBS case because that's our first tranche trial.

And I think the defendants are right that the next thing that has to happen is for the plaintiff to make a disclosure of how it feels the misrepresentations and one, two or all three categories are playing out when you look at that sample.

25 And then the next stage would be for the defendants to

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THE COURT: Thank you, everyone. Appreciate your 2 3 appearance here today. We have a number of matters to address.

4 So let me list the issues that I am aware of. We're going to

5 talk about a schedule for expert discovery, what I'll refer to

6 at this stage for expert discovery. We're going to talk about

discovery of the plaintiff and its constituent entities beyond

the PLS divisions or branches within those agencies.

I am going to ask Ms. Shane for a status report on how we're doing with predictive codeine. I am hoping that a meet

and confer process has resolved any disputes concerning

discovery related to ResCap, but we'll see. 12

13 I know I have been given two documents. I haven't had 14 a chance to look at them. I want to say my two page letter limit had a good impact on attorney's time but has failed adequately to address the paralegal time issues but I made a 17 good stab at getting through materials. I am not sure I've' focused on precisely the passages you wanted me to but I've looked at a lot of material you've submitted. And counsel, of

course, may have other issues they want to address today as

well. 21

22 I have good news and bad news for everybody. So depending on the issue, you will be happy or disappointed. So 24 maybe I'll just start with some preliminary rulings on an issue 25 and then give a chance to the disappointed parties to be heard

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- 1 respond and it's possible that defendants will respond with a
- disagreement about the content of the plaintiff's sample and
- 3 it's analysis of the extent to which misrepresentations appear
- in that sample or they may do their own sample of a larger or I
- suppose potentially smaller or just an intersecting group,
- different sample all together or they might not do any sample
- and that may change from case to case.

It may change from misrepresentation to misrepresentation. And I don't think that's something I could control or would seek to control even if I could. And I feel as if the plaintiff wants to use this request to require the defendants to disclose a sample before they know what the plaintiff's position is with respect to the misrepresentations 14 and the extent to which misrepresentations appear in the 15 plaintiff sample.

It's sort of way of managing discovery and of managing 17 the litigation and that had been my hope but as I explained on June 13th I don't think that is going to fly for all the reasons I described then. So I think what we're left with is setting out a schedule, hopefully, one that we could agree to 21 in the UBS case and that could be used as a model for the other 22 tranches. So I am not saying that -- it would just be a model. The parties would have an opportunity to agree or disagree in a

particular case that the model worked. But so I think what

25 should happen is what has already begun in the UBS case and

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THE COURT: So we're about to move into August. Will the defendants get some of this production in August?

MS. CHUNG: I think so, your Honor. I don't want to

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4 represent that it's going to be a significant amount but I
5 think that everyone is finding it a challenge. So most of it
6 will be through September. But there is material now in the

- 7 pipeline being used and being sent out so, yes, we will make 8 some production. I don't want to overstate the situation
- some production. I don't want to overstate the situationbecause I think that there is -- we have a considerable number
- o of documents to review. We are undertaking to do it the old
- 11 fashioned way on our side and so we need to get through those
- and produce them and I do think very much of it will be inSeptember, not in August.
- THE COURT: I have one more question for you, 15 Mr. --oh, I'm sorry.
- MR. SCHIRTZER: Your Honor, I was just standing to address the question.
- THE COURT: No. It was for Mr. Sacca.
- MR. SCHIRTZER: Did I do it again?
- THE COURT: Yes. I wanted to know if the defendants
- or at least UBS has decided at this point that it would like to brief the substantive law with respect to knowledge with
- 23 respect to Section 11. And I ask that question because of
- 24 Footnote Two on the defendants' submission for the July 31st
- 25 hearing and an undated letter that I think I got on the 30th.

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1 Freddie's choice to put the Single Family and the PLS review of

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- 2 Countrywide together where, obviously, both sides were going to
- 3 hear whatever Countrywide had to say.
- 4 Now, your Honor, I also will note that many of the
- 5 Fannie people on that very e-mail about the Countrywide
- 6 operational review are not on the custodian. Also missing from
- 7 the custodian's list, your Honor, Freddie's CEO, Mr. Syron.
- 8 Freddie Exhibit 4 in the binder in front of you which I made
- 9 reference to before the Special Litigation Committee's report
- 10 says on pages 16 to 17, although Freddie Mac had been involved
- 11 in the subprime market prior to Mr. Syron's joining the company
- 12 and even prior to 2000, the senior management under Mr. Syron
- 13 increased the company's involvement in that market. The person
- 13 increased the company's involvement in that market. The person
- 14 responsible for Freddie's decision to take on more subprime
- securities largely through PLS isn't on the custodian list.So, your Honor, again, we're not after more, per se.
- 17 We're after the right ones. And we have been deprived up till
- 18 now of the opportunity to ask questions that we think are
- 19 necessary to decide who the right ones are. Your Honor has
- 20 raised some very good questions that we would like answers to
- 21 about if certain information reached the Private Label advisory
- 22 team. Do they consider to have been passed on or not? We
- 23 think this they have the amputation standard on its head. We
- 23 think this they have the amputation standard on its head. We
- 24 think under the third restatement of agency information is
- 25 imputed unless there's a duty to share it.

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- 1 And this was a topic that we talked about at the May 14th
- 2 conference and at pages 25 to 26 in which I offered to have
- 3 early motion practice on the standard for knowledge for Section
- 4 11 claim. And at that time the thinking, as I understood it,
- 5 on the defense side was, no, it'd be too fact intensive a
- 6 question and would not be meaningful, helpful in the way that
- 7 I'd anticipated to have that legal discussion now.
- 8 Have the defendants changed their mind?
- 9 MR. SACCA: Your Honor, we have not. I think we still would welcome the opportunity to brief that after we have had
- 11 the chance to develop a more full record for your Honor, part
- 12 of which would be the 30(B)(6) deposition, part of which would
- 13 probably be documents we get in production after that.
- Your Honor, to respond very briefly to what
- 15 Mr. Schirtzer said, we saw the 30(B)(6) depositions. The partys are agreed on that. We did for a reason, your Honor. A
- 17 narrative is all well and good for whatever limited purposes
- 18 but I can't cross-examine a narrative. I can't ask the
- 19 follow-up questions of a narrative and I can't ask clarifying
- 20 questions of a narrative. And we've seen plenty today to tell
- 21 us that we shouldn't take everything that's in this narrative
- 22 at face value. Mr. Schirtzer just said that where there were
- 23 counter-party reviews done by Single Family and done by PLS
- 24 they made an effort to strip out information. We've seen an25 e-mail though that said that they did this review together at

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- But, your Honor --
- THE COURT: Let me ask you, on this ten page list of
- 3 the document custodians, are there people who you think should
- 4 not be on that list?
- 5 MR. SACCA: We don't know yet entirely, your Honor. I
- 6 am not -- it is possible that there are people that we after we
- 7 learn a little more would think are not necessary. Like I
- 8 said, judge, I can't stress this enough, we're not out simply
- 9 to increase the number of custodians. We want to make sure we
- 10 have the right ones.
- 11 THE COURT: Okay. Thanks.
- MR. SCHIRTZER: Actually, your Honor, the example that
- 13 was just offered is almost too telling. They want Dick Syron,
- 14 the former CEO and chairman of Freddie Mac. And their basis
- 15 for wanting him is a couple of SEC complaints that claim that
- 16 he essentially led Freddie Mac into an overconcentration of
- 17 subprime and didn't disclose it was the gist of the SEC
- 18 complaint.
- What they don't say is that Don Bisenius and Patty Cook, the operational executive vice presidents or whatever
- 21 titles were immediately below him, were also defendants in that
- 22 same case and they're both custodians on our list which proves
- 23 the point I am trying to make, that we have gone to the top
- 24 levels of the company, the people who had access to directories
- 25 that will encompass all sorts of information. And we've put

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1 those people on custodian lists. To say that we need a
2 30(B)(6) deposition to identify an apexed opponent that's -- it
3 is what it is, your Honor.

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THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. We're going to take a brief recess. I want counsel to talk about the late August date and whether an order in connection with that would be helpful and whether or not reports, status reports on document production late August before such a conference would be helpful. I need the parties' guidance and if you could discuss that together. We'll take a ten minute recess.

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THE COURT: I appreciate Mr. Sacca helping me focus on precisely what relief is being sought with respect to the most recent issue we have been discussing. To the extent the request is for a 30(b)(6) deposition on item 3, that request is denied.

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I think that I can make a couple of observations here beyond simply saying that request is denied that may have broader implications and, hopefully, helpful guidance for the parties. I think that specific request was just one of a constellation of issues about the adequacy of FHFA's document production and the number of custodians and the identity of the custodians.

Let's step back and ask what this discovery of the plaintiff is all about. To some extent I'm going to share these thoughts because if you think I see things incorrectly, I think it is important that you hear the way I'm thinking so you can correct my thinking. Mr. Bennett, that even means pointing out some law to me on occasion.

I don't think a defendant can proceed to trial here unless a defendant believes they can successfully defend the section 11 claim. I know there are these other issues in the case, other claims of federal securities law violations and fraud claims, but I think it is hard for a defendant to proceed to trial unless they think they have a good defense on the section 11 case.

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THE COURT: Mr. Bennett, I understand I kept calling you Mr. Williams.

- 3 MR. BENNETT: Yes, your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: I apologize.

know what your desires are.

5 MR. BENNETT: That's quite all right, your Honor. The 6 "Edward Bennett" gets people confused all the time.

THE COURT: Someone earlier today mentioned that I was going backwards. I'm going to do that again. I'm going to previsit our first topic.

I think we should keep it simple. We should have the Daubert motion addressed just to the protocol in the UBS case, briefed by FHFA and UBS on roughly the schedule that the plaintiffs proposed -- august 9th, August 31st, September 13th -- understanding that counsel will discuss the appropriate schedule with each other that accommodates vacations and other personal needs and get me a letter describing what schedule they would like me to endorse. Then, any other defendant who wishes to bring a similar Daubert motion based upon the plaintiff's sampling protocol in their case may during the fall talk with Mr. Selendy about a schedule. Write me and let me

Again UBS gets the great honor and privilege of being the stalking-horse on the issue for everyone.

MR. KASNER: I would say thank you, your Honor, but given my vehemence in reaction, I will sit mute.

The role of knowledge in a section 11 claim is a limited one. Over and over again the arguments by defense counsel to me this afternoon have talked about how information from the single-family side of the enterprise was necessarily shared with the PLS side and therefore necessarily appropriate for discovery in this case.

The theme of the defense arguments has not been that information held solely within the single-family side of the business should be discoverable. The fear is that the document production that is being undertaken by the plaintiffs will be inadequate to capture information principally about originators that was shared with the PLS side. I don't find any basis to believe that that is a realistic fear.

First of all, the FHFA is making a massive production here. As its description of the roles of the various custodians that it has already agreed to make shows, they represent many different functions within the GSEs, including on the risk committees that were so much the focus of discussion with me today.

If there was, as the defendants argue, a tying together of the single-family and PLS function within these organizations and substantial information sharing between the two sides of the businesses within these organizations, and I think I'm capturing the precise terms used this afternoon, those documents are going to be captured in this document

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1 production. If they aren't, come on back to me.

There is no basis to argue now or to fear now that they won't be produced. And that is before I even get to the level of analysis that rule 1 would require me to undertake and a proportionality analysis, weighing the role that a knowledge defense is going to have in this case with the kind of

7 intensive undertaking that FHFA is making and that the 8 defendants are each going to be burden by.

I think Mr. Sacca had a good point. He said it's not the number, it's the quality. And that's true. Everybody has to spend money looking at whatever is produced.

I find that FHFA's production of a written response was to be commended. It was a much more reliable presentation fextremely complex matters, more reliable and more detailed than could have been received in any 30(b)(6) deposition under any time frame that could have been considered reasonable.

I don't have a request from the defendants that is pinpointed. There has been only one name mentioned here of a custodian that should have been included and wasn't. I take that as a tribute to both sides here and the meet and confer process, and also in recognition that FHFA is taking its responsibilities seriously, that when it needs to reconsider a particular custodian, it's thinking about that and keeps adding when it finds it's appropriate to do so.

These are layers of reasons which support each other

1 knowledge.

I understand why your Honor focused on the section 11 claim, which perhaps may impact the component of knowledge a bit differently than the affirmative element in a section 12

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5 claim, for example. However, there are other aspects of the

6 defendants' defenses I wish to advise the Court to which this

7 discovery relates. I assure the Court I'm not here to reargue8 your Honor's ruling.

Issues of materiality are impacted by what is in the files that we were seeking, in the 30(b)(6) information that we were seeking, information with respect to reliance for those fraud defendants -- I am not one.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. KASNER: -- and issues related to inquiry notice with respect to the statute of limitations we believe will all be impacted by those issues, your Honor, not simply actual knowledge.

THE COURT: Yes, I understand that. I hope you weren't misled by my frank sharing of an analysis which was just one and not a necessary component to my ruling.

MR. KASNER: I understood, your Honor.
THE COURT: I would have ruled the same way without

23 any reference to the knowledge component of the section 1124 claim.

MR. KASNER: I understood that, your Honor. Your

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1 for my ruling.

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MR. BENNETT: Your Honor?

3 THE COURT: Yes?

MR. BENNETT: I wasn't clear. We certainly are arguing that documents that never went, if there are any, never went from the home loan side to the PLS side are relevant, for a number of reasons.

8 THE COURT: We have finished argument on that issue.
9 It's late. Thank you so much, but those documents I will not
10 order produced for all the reasons I have just described.
11 Thank you.

MR. BENNETT: Thank you, your Honor.

THE COURT: Counsel, the two exhibits that you gave to me today, I want to make sure that all the materials that we have considered this afternoon in addition to these two handouts -- one, the custodian list, and the other the collection of documents that begins with an excerpt from a Form 18 10-K -- if you could give me another set so I can make sure that everything is appropriately filed.

MR. KASNER: Your Honor?

THE COURT: Yes, Mr. Kasner?

MR. KASNER: I'm not here to reargue, I assure the

23 Court. I just wish to place on the record so your Honor knows 24 that the issues as to which discovery was being sought that we

25 discussed today do not relate solely to the issues of actual

1 Honor had indicated that that was your Honor's belief about the

2 centrality of that component to our defenses. I just thought3 it was important to make plain on the record it's not just that

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4 issue. I understand what the Court is saying.

THE COURT: The third paragraph in your submission of I believe July 30th lists a number of those other elements or the way knowledge relates to elements of a variety of claims and defenses. I did read that with care and I am well aware of it.

MR. KASNER: Thank you, your Honor.

THE COURT: I have what I thought was the 30(b)(6)
12 issue in a set of letters raised in the first instance I think
13 by FHFA with respect to four separate questions and a request
14 that the 30(b)(6) witness not be redeposed. I believe someone
15 wished to address that for the defendants.

MR. WOLL: Yes, thank you, your Honor. David Woll for the defendants. As you noted, the plaintiff raised with the Court issues we had with the adequacy of two witnesses that were produced to testify with respect to, generally speaking, document retention issues. We submitted something this morning in response to that.

We do have issues with respect to the adequacy of the 30(b)(6) testimony on the document retention issues, but the fundamental issue I want to focus on is the Freddie Mac

25 document destruction issue because I think it impacts really

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everything we have been talking about today in terms ofcustodians and scheduling.

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To briefly summarize, and I know it's late, the plaintiffs originally brought to our attention that Freddie Mac employed an automatic deletion protocol originally described to us as having been in place at least from January 2004 to September 2008. They told us during the week of June 29th, when we were talking about document custodians, that as a result of that protocol, basically any email that wasn't affirmatively saved for an employee prior to September 2008. didn't exist anymore and any emails to an employee who left prior to 2008, those emails also wouldn't exist anymore, even if they had been affirmatively saved, because they would have been affirmatively discarded at the time of departure.

Deviously, it is pretty fruitless to talk about
document custodians if they don't have any documents. We
thought it important to bring this to the Court's attention
right away, which we did in a letter from Mr. Kasner on July
2nd. Counsel for the plaintiff responded, noted that they had
brought this to our attention because it was relevant to
document custodians and discovery, and said in that letter,
quote, "FHFA will continue to work in good faith to resolve any
outstanding issues regarding e-discovery and to exchange
information with defendants that bears on that effort." That

25 sounded pretty good.

witness Mr. Keogh to testify about document retention policies
 and practices, quote, as they applied to the groups and
 individuals responsible for the securitizations.

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It certainly wasn't a surprise to the plaintiff that we were keenly interested in this, because we had written to them, we had written to the Court, and they said they were going to provide this information. But Mr. Keogh couldn't provide that.

The other thing that troubled us, and still troubles us, and why I think we need to get to the bottom of this, is the description of this automatic deletion protocol has changed over time. The plaintiff, through counsel originally, represented what I just described, referring to January 4th of 2008. Mr. Keogh submitted a declaration, which I cited in one of my letters, which was referenced in the letter to the Court, in another federal action where he said that documents prior to October 2007 had been automatically deleted, but then in October 2007 they ceased the recycling of backup tapes.

Then, at his deposition Mr. Keogh said and plaintiff
produced some information saying, hold on a second, we have
lots of backup tapes for emails prior to October 2007, which
was directly contrary to what it said in Mr. Keogh's
declaration in this other federal action. We followed up with
more correspondence. We asked some more questions.
In their letter to the Court yesterday, the plaintiff

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We wrote a letter to the plaintiff on July 5th. I wrote that letter. Other letters followed on July 12th. Suffice it to say there were numerous requests to plaintiff to try and get to the bottom of this issue, which fundamentally is to what extent are there large gaps in the emails available for relevant custodians for the relevant period. We didn't get any answers, unfortunately, to those letters.

We did make it part of our 30(b)(6) notice, which is why it comes up in this context now. One of the topics in our 30(b)(6) notice, topic 1, was about the systematic deletion of potentially relevant documents pursuant to this protocol. The plaintiffs did produce a witness, on July 20th I believe, to testify with respect to topics 1, 2, 10 and 11 in the notice, all of which are document retention topics. His name was Rick Keogh. Mr. Keogh was not able to tell us anything about what custodians proposed either by the plaintiff or by the defendants had electronic documents remaining.

We showed him the list of custodians that were proposed by the plaintiff at that point. We showed him some lists. We asked him, do you know what's available from any of the plaintiffs? He said no. The plaintiffs have taken the position that that is beyond the scope of the notice.

It is certainly not beyond the scope of the notice as 14 it was originally framed by us. We also don't think it is 15 beyond the scope of the notice as they agreed to produce the told you that, quote, "FHFA has advised defendants that each
 agreed Freddie Mac custodian has significant amounts of
 electronic information, including email, for the relevant
 period." They advised us at the same time they sent the letter
 to your Honor. We got a separate letter that included the same
 statement.

Respectfully, I don't think that statement, given what we know or have heard about the Freddie Mac auto deletion policy, really answers the question of whether there are large gaps in the emails that were apparently subject to some type of auto deletion policy.

We don't know what are on the backup tapes that Mr.

Keogh identified for the first time at his deposition. If
there are substantial emails from custodians, I don't know
exactly what that means. For instance, if somebody worked on
deals in 2005 and I have emails for 2007, that's not going to
help us very much.

They have only identified that there are substantial emails for the initial custodians they agreed to. They had initially agreed to, I think, 38 Freddie Mac custodians. They say they are going to add more. I think it will bring them up to like 51. They say that should ameliorate our concerns. But we don't know if any of those extra custodians have any emails, so it doesn't really ameliorate the concerns.

I don't think we can wait until the end of the

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